

ORI Recruiting for 3 Positions

ORI will be posting vacancies for three positions this summer. Two positions are for scientist-investigators in the Division of Investigative Oversight (DIO). The third position is for a Health Science Administrator in the Division of Education and Integrity (DEI). Recruitment for the three positions will be at the GS 13-14 level. The vacancy announcements will be posted on the ORI web site.

DIO Positions

DIO is seeking experienced scientists with an interest in research misconduct. DIO's primary role is to assist institutions carrying out inquiries and investigations dealing with allegations of research misconduct and to conduct a thorough oversight review of the final inquiry or investigation reports. This oversight review typically entails review of an extensive record including laboratory notebooks and raw data from a wide range of experimental procedures. The outcome of DIO's oversight review, if a finding of research misconduct is sustained, requires working with attorneys to reach a settlement agreeable to both the government and to the respondent. Failure to reach such an agreement may lead to a hearing held before an administrative law judge of DHHS and conducted by ORI's and respondent's attorneys.

These positions require individuals with extensive experience in the laboratory because of the need to review original data and either verify that it has been accurately reported, or, alternatively, identify and explain discrepancies and opine on the significance of the discrepancies. DIO scientists must write well and be able to explain complex scientific techniques and results to non-scientists. Scientists with backgrounds in medical research (clinical trials, oncology, etc.), molecular biology, genomics, signal transduction, and other cutting edge areas of biomedical research are particularly appropriate to the usual range of cases that ORI handles. Proficiency in scientific software and Photoshop is a definite plus.

DEI Position

The mission of DEI is the promotion of the responsible conduct of research (RCR). DEI pursues this mission by organizing conferences and workshops, supporting the development of instructional materials, producing publications, funding and conducting research, maintaining a web site, and developing partnerships with scientific societies and professional and institutional associations.

DEI is interested in individuals who have extensive experience in research organizations, particularly universities, as researchers, laboratory directors, mentors, research administrators, or RCR instructors. DEI is especially interested in individuals who have demonstrated their commitment to RCR by having taught RCR courses, organized RCR conferences, developed RCR instructional materials, authored articles or books or made presentations on RCR topics, created or operated a web site devoted to RCR, or conducted research related to the responsible conduct of research.